Employees in ordnance factories

1558. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in ordnance factories of the country, as on the 31st March, 1989;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of these employees during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) the value of production of goods manufactured in these factories during the last financial year; and

(d) the value of production of goods manufactured in ordnance factories during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (d) The total number of employees in the Ordinance Factories during 1985-86 to 1988-89, excluding Defence Security Corps (DSC) and trainees, and the value of production in Ordnance Factories during the same period, is as under:—

Year	Total No. of employees in the Ordnance Factories as at the end of	Value of production in the Ordnance Factories
		(in Rs. crores)
1988-89	1,78,209	2200*
1987-88	1,79,412	1846
1986-87	1,81,763	1609
1985-86	1,84,306	1359

*The value of production for 1988-89 is approximate, subject to finalisation of annual accounts.

Delivery of VPP articles and insured parcels

1559. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of VPP articles and insured registered parcels handled by the postal department during the last three years, circle-wise;

(b) the total earnings of postal departthrough VPP articles and insured registered parcels during the same period, circle-wise; and

(c) the number of complaints received against non-delivery or late delivery of VPP articles and registered insured parcels, during the same period, circle-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information regarding total number of VPP articles and Insured Registered Parcels handled by the Postal Deptt. during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987.88—Circle wise is given in the Statement enclosed. [*See* Appenlix CLI, Annexure No. 102].

(b) Postal charges for VPP articles and insured regd. parcels are paid for in the shape of postage stamps. While information on Revenue earned through sale of postage stamps is maintained, no information on the postage stamps used for different postal services is maintained.

(c) Information for the year 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987.88 regarding complaints of non|late delivery of Unregd.|Regd.|Insured parcels and ordinary|Insured VPL| VPPs is enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 103].

Annual Central Plan for 1990-91

1560. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the size of the annual plan of the Centre for 1990-91 has been finalised and approved by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, how much allocations have been made for public and private sector?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Investigations for taking donors blood by Blood Banks

1561. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Government and Private Blood Banks existing in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is essential under the Drugs Act for such banks to make investigations about the Blood Group, Blood Pressure and other diseases of the donors, before taking their blood; if so, the names of diseases about which the investigations are made before taking blood of donors and the number of such blood banks undertaking the prescribed tests;

(c) whether Government are aware that AIDS investigations are not made by any of such blood banks before taking blood from the donors; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure adherence to prescribed tests; and

(e) whether Government propose to declare AIDS TEST essential, before taking blood of donors; if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) As per information available, there are 720 blood banks as under:—

(i) Blood banks attached with Medical Colleges	110
(ii) Blood banks attached to District Hospitals	430
(iii) Blood banks owned by voluntary and charitable institutes.	80
(iv) Commercially owned blood banks	100
	720

(b) Yes, functioning of blood banks is regulated as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Medical examination and Haemoglobin estimation are required to be done before donation to exclude any disease.

After donation, tests for Syphilis Hepatitis B, HIV and Malaria are required to be done. Blood found positive for these diseases are to be discarded. Information regarding the number of blood banks conducting the prescribed tests will be obtained.

(c) A phased programme for screening of HIV for blood donors is being imple-